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POSTS FOR DEA; HQS FOR ENOM, SECSTATE FOR S/NM,
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FROM RAIC DINIUS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PK
SUBJECT: GFXA-78-8024 OPERATION POKER

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1. (LOU) REFTTEL REPORTED SEIZURE OF ONE TON
HASHISH AT SUKKER ON 3/22/78. FOLLOW UP
INVESTIGATION AND WEIGHING BY PAKISTAN CUSTOMS
INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION INDICATES SEIZURE
WAS 1900 KILOGRAMS, NET WEIGHT, HASHISH, TEN VIDEO
CASSETTE RECORDERS, AND TWO THOUSAND YARDS OF
CLOTH.

2. (LOU) CONTRABAND CONCEALED IN FALSE CAB OF
1973 BEDFORD TRUCK PAKISTAN REGISTRATION PRA-9123.
TRUCK TRAVELLED FROM NWFP EMPTY WHICH PRECLUDED
ROUTINE SEARCH AT ANY CHECKPOINTS.
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3. (LOU) ARRESTED WAS VEHICLE DRIVER ABDUL MALIK (V)
MALE PAKISTANI, 24 YOA, 68" TALL, 150 POUNDS,
BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENT OF PINDA KHAIL,
LANDI KOTAL, NWFP, SON OF BAKHMAL KHAN (V).

4. (LOU) VEHICLE REGISTERED IN NAME OF HAJI

AMRAT KHAN (V), S/O HAJI RASAM KHAN, LANDI KOTAL
AGENCY, KHYBER, PAKISTAN.

5. (LOU) DUE TO INSTABILITY AT SUKKER, SEIZED
CONTRABAND, ARRESTEE, AND COURT VENUE TRANSFERRED
TO KARACHI. CUSTOMS I AND I IS OPPOSING BAIL
APPLICATION OF DEFENDANT. DEA-6 AND 7 TO FOLLOW.

6. (CONF) AS A SIDELIGHT - OPERATION POKER IS
YEILDING UNANTICIPATED BENEFITS IN THAT HEALTHY
RIVALRY IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN VARIOUS CUSTOMS
BODIES IN PAKISTAN TO SEIZE NARCOTICS. ASSISTANT
COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT KARACHI INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT HAS ADVISED DEA THAT HE HAS INITIATED
A SEPARATE DRUG CELL AT THE AIRPORT. HE STRESSED
THAT THIS CELL WAS INDEPENDENT OF THE SPECIAL DRUG
ENFORCEMENT CELL ESTABLISHED UNDER "OPERATION
POKER".

7. (CONF) AS WELL, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
CUSTOMS INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION (NATIONWIDE
DIRECTORATE HEADQUARTERED IN KARACHI) ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE INITIATED
AGAINST CUSTOMS I & I OFFICERS AT ISLAMABAD
INTERNATION AIRPORT AS A RESULT OF 10,000 MORPHINE
SULFATE TABLETS CONCEALED IN THE SHOULDER PADS
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OF A COAT BELONGING TO AN ENGLISH NATIONAL SEIZED
BY THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE AT ISLAMABAD AIRPORT
IN THE RECENT PAST. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR STATED
THAT HIS STAFF SHOULD HAVE EFFECTED THE SEIZURE
SINCE THE DIRECTORATE HAD ISSUED A NATIONWIDE
DIRECTIVE TWO WEEKS BEFORE TO GIVE GREATER PRIORITY
TO DURGS.

8. (CONF) THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS I AND I HAS
ALSO PETITIONED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL BOARD
OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH A REWARD SCHEDULE AND PAY
REWARDS TO CUSTOMS I AND I OFFCERS EFFECTING
NARCOTIC SEIZURES. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN A TREMENDOUS
INCREASE IN ACTIVITY IN THE REGULAR ANTI SMUGGLING
UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS PREEVENTIVE BRANCH STATIONED
AT THE KARACHI SEAPORT. THE SUPERINTENDENT IN
CHARGE OF THE ASU AT THE SEAPORT FEARS THE POTENTIAL
SECCESS OF THE OPERATION POKER SPECIAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT
UNIT TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE HAS ALREADY
REQUESTED TRANSFER OUT OF THE ANIT-SMUGGLING
BRANCH.

10. (CONF) THE KARACHI R.O. VIEWS THIS COMPETITION
AS HEALTHY AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL COUNTERPART
ELEMENTS IN THEIR ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORTS.
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